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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of properties and human lives caused due to earthquake in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total financial assistance released by the Union Government for each earthquake affected areas during the said period;

(c) whether the Union Government have evolved any mechanism to ensure thatproper utilisation of financial assistance provided for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) As reported by the State Governments, in the year 1997-98, about 3.61 lakh houses/huts were damaged and 39 human lives were lost in Madhya Pradesh and due to the earthquake of March, 1999, more than 2000 houses/huts were damaged and 106 human lives were lost in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The Union Government had released Rs.45.26 crore from the National Fund forCalamity Relief (NFCR) to Madhya Pradesh in the wake of earthquake, in addition to annual central share of Rs. 40.42 crore under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1997-98Rs. 16.68 crore was released to Uttar Pradesh from NFCR in the wakeof earthquake, in addition to annual central share of CRF for 1999-2000 amounting to Rs.108.50 crore.

(c)&(d) The Government have issued guidelines/norms to the State Governmentto utilise the assistance. The State authorities supervise the relief operations and expenditure.